Blood banks in the country

361. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blood banks functioning in the country at present;

(b) the quantum of blood collected everyday in these banks; and

(c) the extent to which this quantity is less or more than the total requirement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) Presently, there are 2177 licenced blood banks in the country.

(b) Data on collection of blood units by different blood banks is not compifed on daily basis. However, total number of blood units collected during the year 2004 by the public sector and charitable blood banks was 44,11,428. In addition, blood is also collected by private blood banks for which data is not collected Centrally.

(c) As per reports available, there is no shortage of blood. However, there may be occasional shortage of blood units of rare blood groups or seasonal shortage (particularly during summar months).

Allocation of funds to AIIMS

† 362. SHRI PYRELAL KHANDELWAL: PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) the datails of the total amount allocated by Government to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the purpose of establishment of AIIMS is to carry on with new researches in medical fields;

(c) if so, the details of the researches in AIIMS during the last three years; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned by Government for research during this period?

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